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Sniper given 80 to life for murder of pre-nursing student

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The man found guilty of murdering a UNO student while she sat in her car was sentenced Tuesday to 80 years to life in prison.

Kyle Bormann, 20, fatally shot UNO pre-nursing student Brittany Williams at a fast food restaurant last January.

Bormann had driven around in his car with a high-power rifle that night after officiating calls during a football game had made him angry at black people, he told police detectives after being arrested.

A taped interview of Bormann after he was arrested in January showed a young man in shambles. Often times breaking down and crying, Bormann was unable to produce an explanation for why he pulled the trigger.

"I have no idea why. I was just pissed off," Bormann said in the tape. "I don't know; I would imagine I was pissed off at black people, not to be racist or anything, but, and I went, and I have no idea if I shot at a black person or not."

Afterwards, Bormann said he didn't know what he was shooting at, other than it was at a vehicle. He said he didn't know what color of person was in that vehicle and "this has nothing to do with race."



KYLE BORMANN

He also said he didn't know why he made his previous statement. "I don't have a problem with black people," Bormann said. "It's just most of the people on a football team are black, so that's why I said it would probably have been a black person I was getting upset at, 'cause of the call. I know it all revolved around a call on the football team that pissed me off and I went out and did what I did."

A jury of eight women and four men found Bormann guilty of second-degree murder in September. Tuesday's sentencing hearing revealed Bormann's fate: he would be spending as much as 80 years to life in prison.

Bormann was sentenced to 60 years for the murder charge and 20 years for the weapons charge, to be served consecutively. He, however, will be eligible for parole in 40 years.

Throughout the trial, Tom Riley, Bormann's public defender, argued that his client was too drunk to be able to premeditate murder, necessitating second-degree.

With the jury's agreement, the death penalty was not a possibility in the sentencing.

City, state government looks at how to implement affirmative action ban

TAYLOR MULLER
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The passage of the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative in November has caused both the State of Nebraska and the City of Omaha to reexamine the legality of certain programs and practices.

So far, city and state officials say personnel hiring practices will not be affected, since affirmative action has not been used.

The passage of Initiative 424, however, will require the City of Omaha to discontinue an affirmative action program on city sub-contracts, among other possible changes, said Paul Landow, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey's chief of staff.

The initiative was passed in every one of Nebraska's 93 counties on Nov. 4 by an overall margin of 58 percent supportive to 42 percent against statewide, with more than 600,000 ballots cast.

A delay in the initiative's enactment comes from the requirement that the Nebraska Legislature must implement the rules, and the new session of the Unicameral doesn't start until January.

The state is to be prohibited from "discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, public education or public contracting," according to the initiative.

It will also bar public agencies from considering race, ethnicity or gender when hiring or awarding scholarships.

"We don't believe there will be a significant impact, however, we are working with the state attorney general's office and having the appropriate legal staff take an in-depth look for potential implications," said Mike McCrory, director of State Personnel



UNL students Jasmine Caldwell and Jessica Warren from Omaha stand in silent protest of Initiative 424. Students United for Nebraska, a UNL student group opposed to the affirmative action ban, hosted the protest in front of the Nebraska Union Thursday, Oct. 30. The group is affiliated with Nebraskans United, a statewide coalition that opposed Initiative 424, including bringing legal challenges during the petition process. (STEPHANI RUIZ/FRONT PAGE IMAGES)

for Nebraska's Administrative Services.

Landow said one of the most significant impacts that Initiative 424's passage would have for the city would be with the Protected Business Enterprise program. In its current form, the program would be illegal since it has the goal of encouraging minority participation in city contracts.

"We're trying to figure out a way to revamp it," Landow said. "Basically the goal has been to allow more small and minority businesses to participate in city contracts, particularly large construction projects."

Another similar program, which operates on a socio-economic affirmative action, could continue since it awards

contracts based on disadvantaged business status, Landow said. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, which allows for struggling contractors to secure city contracts, is a key example of the type of program affirmative action opponents have supported over race-based contracting.

"We've been meeting to find ways to work around it, revamp the DBE and work around this," Landow said. "Our goal is still to encourage minority participation in city contracts. We've just been meeting to figure out where our programs stand."

Due to the initiative, Omaha could lose the ability to assist small and minority

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HPER professor's study aims to increase children's physical activity

BRIAN MOODY
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Elementary school recess brings to mind slides, swings and touch football. Other times, the small portion of the school day when students get away from the classroom to run off energy is used for bullying or chatting with friends.

During the next two years, some of Omaha Public Schools' elementary students will see changes in their recreational opportunities, centered on recess.

A UNO professor has received a \$360,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to fund Ready for Recess, a program designed to structure recess times to increase physical activity, while minimizing negative social conflicts.

The study by Jennifer Huberty of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation will measure children's sentiment toward physical play when advanced recreation equipment and personnel are used, according to a press release.

Huberty said children's physical activity is crucial, especially during the early years of their lives.

"It is recommended that children get

an hour of physical activity a day," Huberty said. "Recess could be a good time to increase the chance that they will get this activity."

In most schools, the options for physical activity are limited.

Huberty said 15 to 20 minute recess periods, usually after lunch, are the norm when the weather cooperates. Regardless of length, her goals are to make recess a constructive period.

"We want to assure that children have opportunities to be active," Huberty said. "Often times at recess children may sit or chat with friends."

Huberty said Ready for Recess will start in four schools, doubling to eight schools the second year. The program may sprout up in other areas in the future.

"There may be expansion to other schools or districts,"

Huberty said. "Funding would have to be sought and awarded to achieve this."

Whether the program continues or provides the expected results after the study is completed, Huberty said the goal of better health in Omaha's school children is her top priority.

"By providing fun games and activities at recess," Huberty said, "children may be more likely to choose physical activity during this time."



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Kentucky students mourn victims of Mumbai terror attacks with vigil



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LEXINGTON, Ky. (UWIRE)—Krishna Prayaga felt good, but only for a second.

When Prayaga found out about the terrorist attacks that eventually killed more than 170 in Mumbai, India, he called his family to make sure everyone was OK. They were all safe, and he felt relieved, but another feeling soon followed.

"I knew my family was fine, but then, my countrymen were dying," Prayaga said.

Prayaga was one of about 150 University of Kentucky students and other members of the Lexington community to participate in a vigil Tuesday night in response to the Mumbai terrorist attacks. Last week, 12 different targets were attacked, including two luxury hotels, a café and a railroad station, according to news reports.

Although Prayaga said he found it "difficult to even string two sentences together," he addressed a crowd Tuesday night at University of Kentucky about the attacks.

"Let us renew our hope to stand united against terror," Prayaga said to the crowd

waiting for the march to begin, with unlit candles in hand. "This walk may be just a gesture, but I view it as a first step against this terrorism."

Marchers went from Bradley Hall past the Main Building and into the Free Speech Area of the Student Center, with the flames of small white candles stretching spans as long as from Bradley Hall to the Funkhouser Building.

Walking by Funkhouser with a lit candle in her gloved hand, physics graduate student Akshaya Rane said she was disturbed to hear about the attacks in her hometown because so many people were killed for no reason.

Rane said her family was nervous when she called them — her mother works close to where the attacks occurred — but no one was injured or killed. She said while Mumbai is the safest place in India, terrorist attacks do happen.

"Anything can happen," Rane said. "Even in Mumbai."

Not all of the students were from the Mumbai area, but recent political science graduate Kausalya Madhusudhanan said support is important; the terrorist attacks in Mumbai have an impact on all Indians.

"It's like one big Indian family, but it's everyone's responsibility to take care of them," she said. "Even if we are not family, we are all like brothers and sisters."

UNO has 59 international students from India, according to the Office for Institutional Research. The Peter Kiewit Institute also has a summer exchange program with the Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur, which is located on the opposite side of India from Mumbai.

CRIME LOG

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Tuesday, Nov. 25

2:49 p.m. A student reported theft of personal property from a classroom in Arts and Sciences Hall. The incident occurred at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

1:09 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security responded to suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. Two students were cited for procuring alcohol for minors and minor in possession. Four students and three visitors were cited for minor in possession.

1:48 a.m. Campus Security responded to several Emergency Code Blue telephone activations. Four students and two visitors were found near the area. One student admitted involvement in the false activations. Three did not. The students were referred for disciplinary action.

Thursday, Nov. 27

2 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security responded to suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Saturday, Nov. 29

12:14 a.m. While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security noticed broken glass. Further investigation disclosed a bedroom window of a suite had been broken out. Nothing was reported stolen from the suite. At this point, no cause for the damage can be determined.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said Wednesday that the cause was still unknown.

3:19 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University village. Further investigation disclosed one student and one visitor with alcohol violations. Omaha police cited both for minor in possession. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

5:20 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed a fight in progress at Lot 2. Two visitors were fighting. Neither reported being assaulted. The participants and two witnesses were instructed to leave campus.

Sunday, Nov. 30

11:13 p.m. While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security heard loud noises. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Five students were referred for disciplinary action.

12:27 a.m. Campus Security responded to a complaint of noise and possible alcohol at Maverick Village. Further investigation disclosed alcohol and drug violations. Omaha police responded. One student was cited for minor in possession and possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. One student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. One student was cited for minor in possession. Two visitors were issued ban and bar notices.

7:03 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from his University Village suite bedroom. The incident occurred between 12 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, and 7:03 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30.

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Monday, Dec. 1

5:45 p.m. Campus Security responded to a call from a staff member in Milo Bail Student Center and took a theft report for university property. Photos of the suspects were obtained from the closed-circuit television system. The incident occurred at 4:37 p.m.

Kosel said the suspects, who are believed to be visitors, were attempting to sell stolen textbooks back to the UNO Bookstore.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

3:20 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot 9. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded and cited two students for minor in possession.

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Black Studies offers new course on Obama Harry Potter coming to UNO next semester

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STAFF WRITER

UNO students will have the opportunity to experience the inauguration of the country's first black commander-in-chief while learning about the president-elect's campaign and election through a course the Department of Black Studies is offering next spring.

"Barack Obama: A Legacy Fulfilled," a special topics course taught by assistant professor Peggy Jones, will look at the aspects leading up to Obama's run for the White House with respects to race, religion and rhetoric, among other contexts. Class discussion will come from outside the classroom and from students.

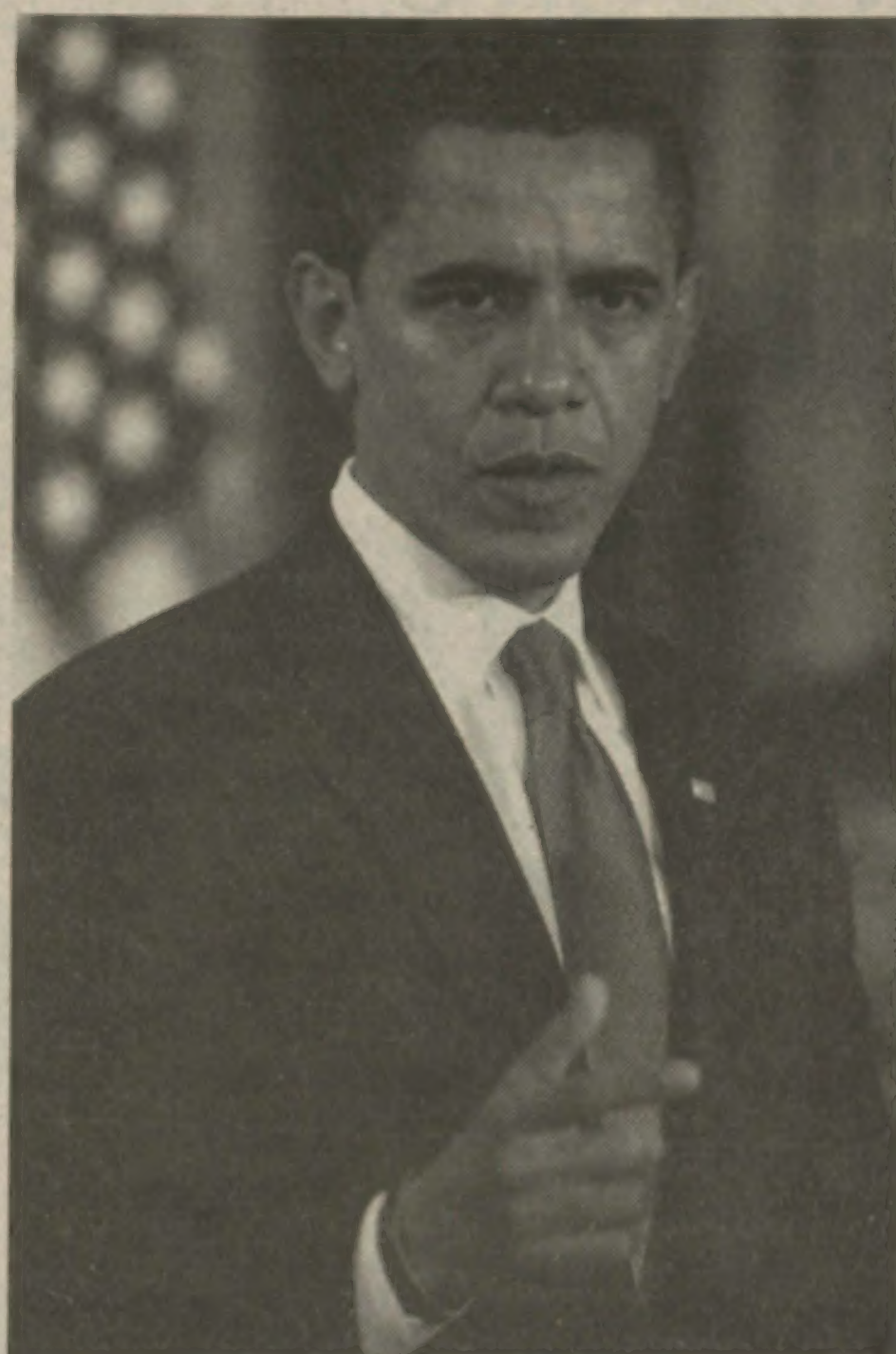
"I will be having guest lecturers come in and discuss their specific disciplinary research and how it connects," Jones said. "The students will be bringing in information and be discussing it in class."

Jones said the course, which does not require prerequisites to enroll, would interest most, if not, all people, regardless of their political views.

"I think about anybody would be interested since he is our president-elect," Jones said. "I was gathering information before the election for probably a good couple of years - actually probably longer than that - about Obama because he really seemed to be a different type of politician."

Jones said the historical precedence of Obama's victory as well as his publicity since the 1990s will likely lead to two camps of students considering the class.

"There's been people that have been kind of following him in some way, one way or another since he put his first book out in 1995," Jones said. "There's going to be a range of interest based on 'Who is this guy? It's brand new to me,' to 'Wow. I've heard about him for over 10 years, and I want to



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know more about him."

For those on the fence about whether to register for the class, consider the fact that Jones will be selecting students enrolled in the course to attend Obama's inauguration on Jan. 20 in Washington.

Jones said the trip's goals do not only revolve around experiencing history. Learning will be a major component. Those wishing to attend the inauguration need to show initiative in bringing back scholarly viewpoints of the event.

"It's going to be a historical event," Jones said. "I think it is imperative that the student who goes has some sense of either a focus or an idea or some method they want to use, such that when they come back they will be able to essentially bring back a prospective that no one else would."

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JAMIE BELL
STAFF WRITER

Next semester, UNO will offer a three-credit course exploring the literary and cultural meanings of the Harry Potter series. The class, titled "Rowling's Harry Potter," was added to the course listings at a time when many universities across the nation have done the same.

Lisa Cook, a women's studies adjunct instructor, will teach the course off campus at Metropolitan Community College.

It is the first time anything regarding the seven-book series has been offered at UNO, although the university has held classes over J. R. R. Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings." The demand for a course in fantasy or science fiction led Cook to propose the Potter course, she said.

Already, students' "overwhelming

response" to the class has prompted Cook's department to begin planning for the future. Next semester's class is already full, but the university plans on offering one or two sections during the summer.

UNO senior Raydell Cordell is enrolled in the class and describes himself as a "huge fan" of the Potter books.

"I expect this class to go more in-depth with the series and the hidden meanings and themes that are quite relevant," Cordell said. "Themes that deal with issues such as family lost, acceptance, depression, rage and desire."

Cook will explore these themes and more in her course, which is designed for non-English majors.

"The Harry Potter series is a great way to get students interested in literature and use it as a springboard for discussions on the literary influences present in the books, such as Dickens and classic mythology," Cook said. "There's something for everyone in the Potter series."

Cook said that the biggest challenge in teaching the course will be making it both challenging and interesting for the students.

"I can't think of any other course where many of the students will come to class on the first day having read all the books, some even multiple times," Cook said. "But no matter how many times you have read the books, there is always something new to discover."

Philip Nel from Kansas State University and Edmund Kern from Lawrence University have been teaching Harry Potter courses at their respective colleges. Both find student demand and participation in the class to be one of the best parts of teaching it.

Nel said he has taught his course, "Harry Potter's Library," for six years and has seen the interest in the class increase.

"When I first taught the class, half of the

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Mavericks to face tough defense, goaltender this weekend

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

The No. 18 Mavericks return home this weekend for a two-game series against Central Collegiate Hockey Association rival Alaska.

Alaska, which stands at 8-4-2 overall and 6-3-1-1 with one shootout win in the CCHA, is ranked two places below the Mavs at No. 20 in the USCHO.com/CBS College Sports poll. UNO has a record of 9-4-1 overall, with 5-4-1-1 in the CCHA.

The Maverick offense, after being stymied twice in Ohio State last week, will face a strong Alaska defense this weekend.

Alaska stands at No. 1 for fewest goals allowed in the CCHA, allowing only 15 so far this season after nine games. The Mavs are ranked fourth, allowing 24 goals in 10 games.

The Nanooks are also the least penalized team in the CCHA, averaging only 10 penalty minutes per game. Power play opportunities are a large part of the Mavericks' offense, with the Mavs capitalizing on 11 of 52 opportunities so far in CCHA play – trailing only Notre Dame in the conference standings.

The Mavs can also expect to face goaltender Chad Johnson from Calgary, Alberta, who has played every CCHA game so far for the Nanooks.

Johnson, who was picked up by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 5th round of the NHL Entry Draft in 2006, has earned back-to-back CCHA Goaltender of the Week honors for the past two weeks.

Last week, Johnson stopped 58 of 60 shots against Lake Superior State, including blocking attempts from all three Lakers shooters in Saturday's shootout following a 1-1 tie. The week before, Johnson stopped 69 of 71 shots, recording his third career shutout on Nov. 23, as the Nanooks swept Ferris State.

Historically, the Mavs trail the Nanooks 19-14-8 overall, with 9-9-3 at home. The last meeting of the two teams was even, with UNO coming out with a slight edge in the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

At home last March, the Mavs won 4-3 in the first game of the series, but dropped the second 3-5. UNO managed to overcome Alaska 2-1 in triple overtime in the third game, but only after recording the longest game in UNO history – a record likely to stand since the CCHA moved to shootouts this season.

The Mavericks will take the ice against Alaska at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Qwest Center.

Military Appreciation Night

The Mavs will wear special military-themed jerseys on the weekend, which will be sold through a silent auction during Military Appreciation Night on Saturday to benefit the Nebraska Troop Support and the Bryan McDonough Military Heroes Foundation.

The first Military Appreciation Night,

the brainchild of McDonough's friend, UNO senior goaltender Jerad Kaufmann, raised more than \$11,500 last season.

Additionally, military personnel who show their I.D. will receive one free upper bowl ticket to the game and will be able to purchase tickets for all family members for \$10 each, a discount of \$2 per ticket.



Top: Joey Martin fires a shot as Michigan State goaltender Jeff Lerg tries to get back into position. Martin scored a goal in UNO's 7-1 win on Nov. 21. Martin had two points on the night, including the first goal of the third period during a power play opportunity. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Bottom: Jordan Willert celebrates his goal that gave UNO a 1-0 lead against Michigan State Nov. 22. UNO went on to win 3-1 and sweep the series. Trailing behind Willert are Matt Ambroz (center) and Nick Fanto. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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a registered Bullpen member wearing your Bullpen T-shirt.

The winner of the scholarship will be drawn during the second period and announced, along with the presentation of a big check, during the second intermission.

Students who haven't joined the Bullpen can do so for \$10 at the game, which includes a T-shirt and a water bottle. For more information, contact Bullpen President Jon Green at jongreen@gmail.com.

Men's hoops fall on free-throw with .3 seconds remaining on clock

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

The Mavs lost their first game of the season by dropping their MIAA opener 84-83 to Washburn Wednesday night in front of 2,179 fans at Lee Arena in Topeka, Kan.

With the game tied 83-all, UNO sophomore Aaron Terry hit a jumper with eight seconds remaining. After a timeout and with two seconds on the clock, Washburn's Paul Byers missed a 3-pointer and teammate Nate Daniels was fouled going for the rebound as time appeared to run out.

Instead of going to overtime, Daniels was awarded two free throws and .3 seconds were added to the clock. Daniels hit the first free throw to give the Ichabods the win.

UNO led most of the first 10 minutes of the opening half until a 3-pointer by Washburn's William McNeill gave the Ichabods a 16-15 lead with 10:24 remaining. Washburn (4-2, 1-0 MIAA) took control from there and led by as many as 14 points before taking a 42-32 lead into half.

UNO shot just 29 percent from the floor in the first half.

Washburn's lead stayed near double digits in the second half until the 9:43 mark

when junior Dion Curry's 2 points fueled a 9-0 run that pulled UNO within 2 points at 67-65 with 6:23 left to play.

The Mavs took the lead when Curry hit UNO's fourth consecutive free throw to make it a 76-75 game. With less than three minutes to play, UNO built 3-point leads twice, but couldn't hold them. In the final minute of the game, there were three ties, including Terry's shot with eight seconds remaining.

UNO shot 44 percent from the field, while Washburn shot 51 percent.

Junior Andrew Bridger led the Mavs with 22 points, while sophomore Mitch Albers added 18 and senior Justin Petersen chipped in 13. Byers led Washburn with 26 points.

UNO remains on the road to face Fort Hays State Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Before Wednesday's game, the Mavs headed west and picked up a pair of wins in the Al Kaly Shrine Classic hosted by Colorado State University-Pueblo Nov. 21-22.

The Mavs picked up a 95-71 win over Western State in the opening round of the tournament on Nov. 21. Senior Michael Jenkins led UNO with 17 points.



ANDREW BRIDGER



DION CURRY



AARON TERRY

Albers with 13 points, Petersen with 12 points and Terry with 10 points.

UNO finished the road trip with an 83-66 win over CSU-P on Nov. 22. Albers, who was named to the All-Tournament team, led UNO with 21 points, while Al Kaly Classic MVP Michael Jenkins scored 20 points.

Junior Matt Akins scored 10 points for UNO, while Bridger had 9 points and a game-high seven assists. Curry added 9 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Coach Derrin Hansen was selected by the Division II Bulletin, a monthly publication devoted to D-II men's basketball, as Coach of the Month for November after guiding UNO to a 4-0 start during the month of November.

Swim, dive team to host invitational

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

The UNO swimming and diving team will host the Mutual of Omaha Invite at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Pool Friday and Saturday.

The meet begins at 10 a.m. and continues with 6 p.m. sessions both days.

"It's pretty important to us because we've worked hard for about 13 weeks and we rest a little bit so we can try to swim fast. We just want to see how fast we can get," coach Todd Samland said. "That will lead us into our holiday training and the early part of next semester and then we'll rest again and try to beat those times."

The Mavs have finished first in the past four Mutual of Omaha Invites.

"It's kind of setting the tone for the rest of the season," Samland said.

Teams scheduled to participate in this weekend's invite are: Mesa State, Nebraska-Kearney, Simpson College, Morningside College and swim clubs from Nebraska-Lincoln, Kansas University and Colorado University.

The Mavs enter the invite with a 3-4 record in dual meets and are coming off an eighth place finish at the Husker Invitational held Nov. 20-23 in Lincoln. UNO was the only Division II program out of nine schools in the event.

UNO will next host South Dakota in a dual meet on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

Women's hoops drops conference opener to Washburn Wednesday

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

The Mavs dropped their MIAA opener 61-52 to No. 2 Washburn Wednesday night in front of 2,126 fans at Lee Arena in Topeka, Kan.



Junior Alyssa Green led the Mavs with 18 points as UNO fell to Washburn 61-52 Wednesday night. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

UNO (1-3, 0-1 MIAA) jumped out to a 6-point lead in the game as Washburn (6-0, 1-0 MIAA) missed its first five field goals and was held scoreless for almost the first six minutes of the game.

The Lady Blues fought back as the teams traded the lead five times in the opening half. Washburn took a 23-19 lead into the break after senior Jessica Mainz hit a 3-pointer with three seconds left in the half. UNO senior Amanda Brodsack led the Mavs with 6 points and three rebounds in the first half.

The Washburn defense held UNO to six field goals on 21 attempts in the opening half.

In the second half, UNO got as close as 1 point three times, first on a jumper by junior Alyssa Green that made it 35-34 with 11:58 to go and then on another Green shot with 6:29 to go that made it 44-43. Washburn responded with a pair of 3-pointers on its next two possessions and the Mavs never came within more than 3 points as the Lady Blues held on for a 61-52 win.

Green led UNO with 18 points, while Brodsack chipped in 13. Senior Stanecia Graham led the Lady Blues with 20 points.

The Mavs shot 40 percent on 19 of 48 attempts, while Washburn shot 48 percent, hitting 21 of 44 from the field.

Washburn was outrebounded for the first time this season as the Mavs bested the Lady Blues 27 to 24.

UNO outscored Washburn in the paint 28 to 20 and took advantage by scoring 21 points off of 24 Washburn turnovers.

The game was the first meeting for the teams since an 84-59 Washburn win on Dec. 6, 1986, in Topeka. Washburn now leads the all-time series 2-1.

The Mavs remain on the road for a Dec. 5 contest against Fort Hays State at 5:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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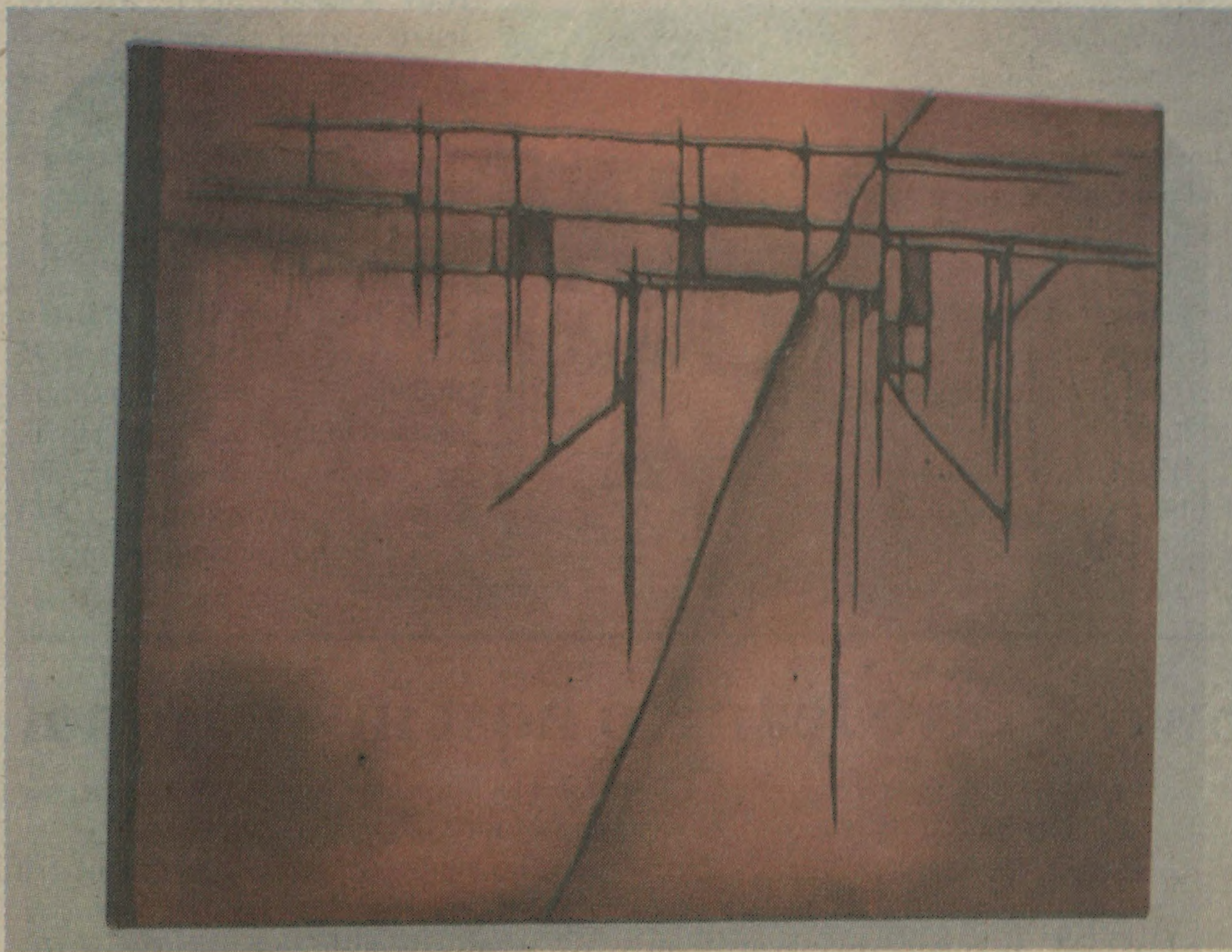
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Criss Library offers display from UNO student artist



ANDREA BARBE
CULTURE EDITOR

Many artists these days struggle to get their names out there in the real world. But for one UNO student, that possibility is turning into a reality with help from the university.

Eun Young Cho, a UNO student in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, came to Nebraska in August 2005. Since then, she's studied art and art history at UNO and has her first solo exhibit titled "Expressions" currently on display at the Criss Library.

"I have 19 paintings at the library right now and they're all about the study of lines and how they connect to the existence of the wall," Cho said. "I've always been drawn to the existence of myself and other people. I've been moving from this place to that place all the time now that it came to my attention that everything in the world is connected and it's continuing. That's what I try to represent in my work."

However, this isn't her first art exhibit. Cho, who's originally from South Korea, has had her artwork featured in a few UNO art shows and at the Louisville Art Gallery

in Louisville, Neb., just within the past couple of years.

"This is like really stepping into an art world; having all my work in this one place," Cho said. "All I want to do is practice art and be a full-time artists."

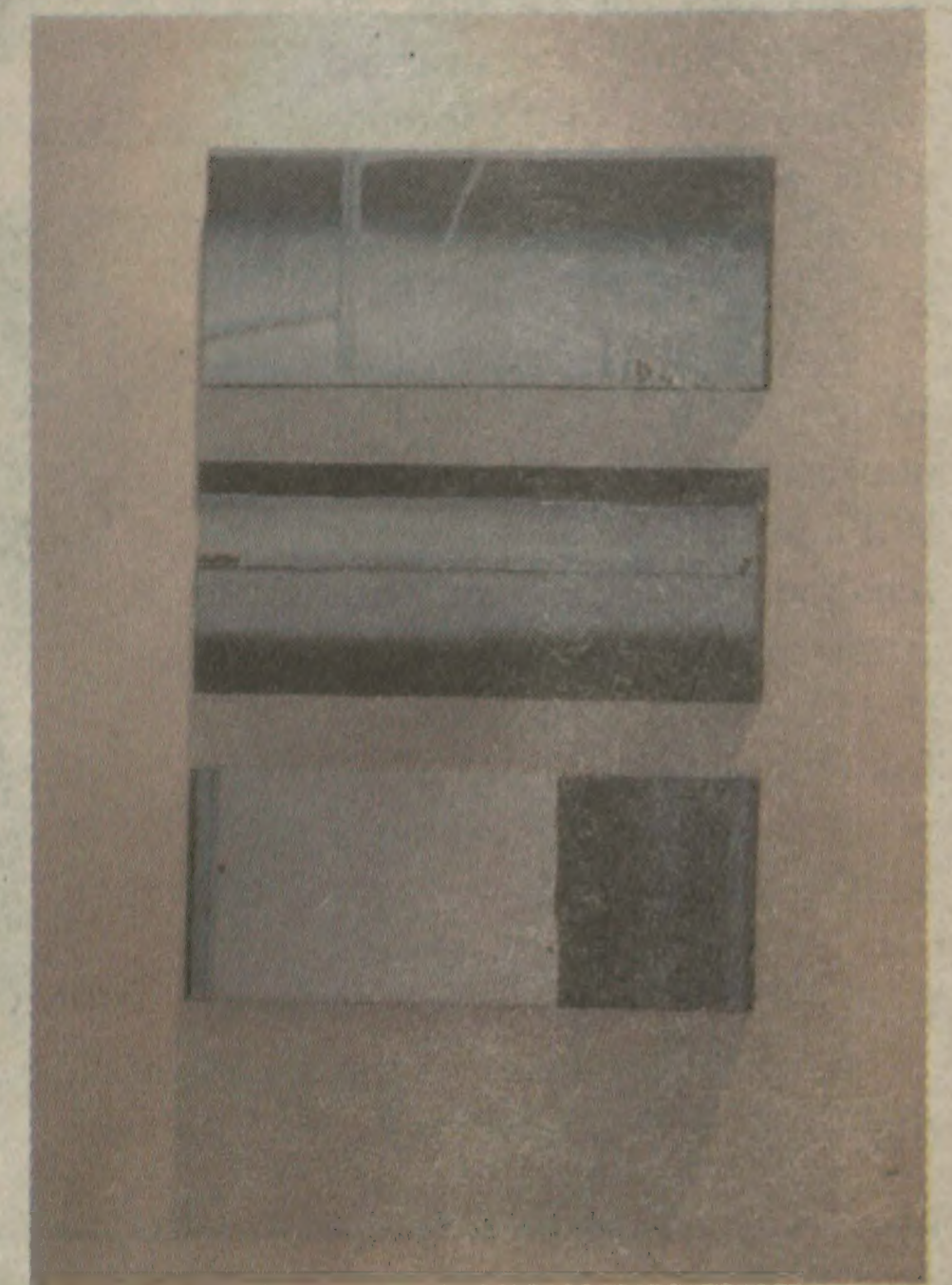
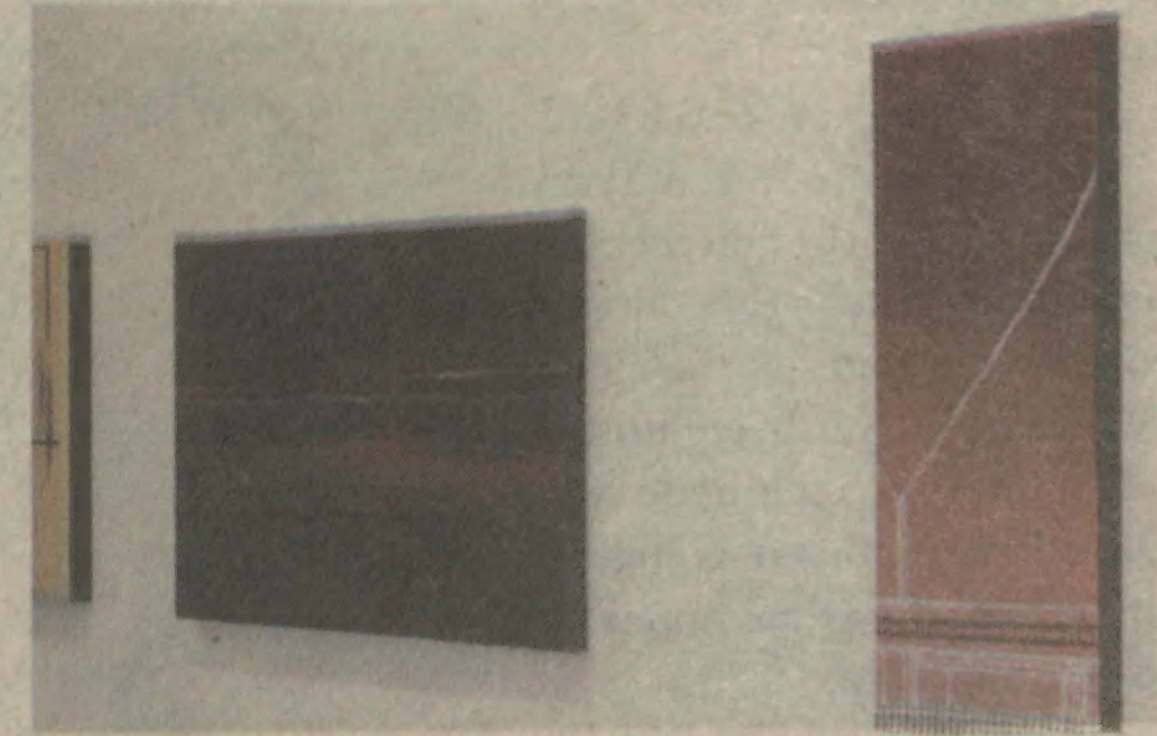
But to Cho, her paintings are about more than paint on canvas. In the process of letting her creative juices flow, she realized that her work focused on family and finding herself.

"All this study of lines got me thinking about my ancestry. I was born in Korea and lived there until I was 13. Then I moved to Saipan with my family," Cho said. "With all the moving, I was confused with myself and with my identity. I think that's the reason why I was so into painting lines."

Cho's instructors have sensed some of her imagination and skill in her pieces. In a press release, UNO Art Professor David Helm described Cho's new art as "a serious investigation into the formal components of painting, a passionate investigation into her roots and her heritage and a profound example of how abstraction references the world in which we live."

Over the semesters she's been at UNO, Cho has used that technique to create a name for herself in Omaha and on campus. Last semester, she sold six paintings to the student center's business offices and hopes that others will follow in her footsteps.

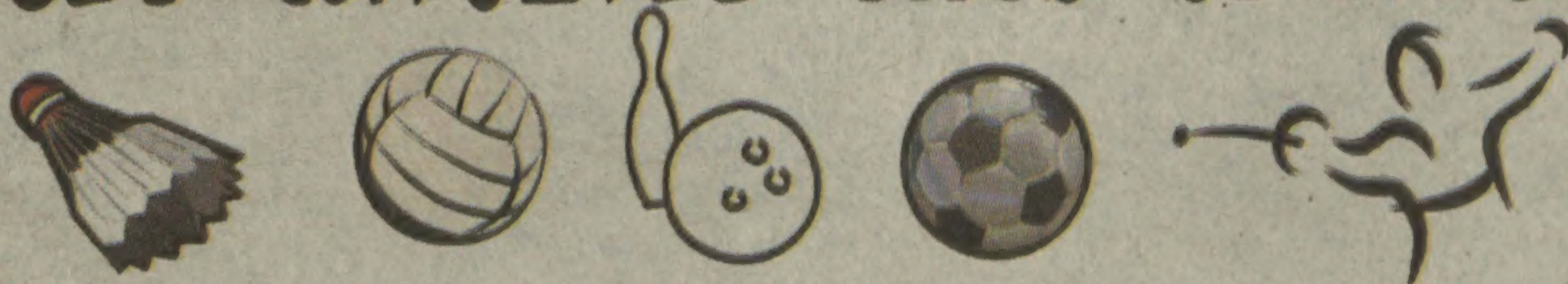
"I would like to see more opportunities for students to show their work," she said. "This is a big step for me and other students."



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Cho's exhibit "Expressions" is now available for viewing at the Criss library with an open reception tonight from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

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Film Streams presents new holiday tradition for moviegoers

JAMIE BELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Every year around mid-November, the commercials for new holiday films make their way onto the television screens. So far this year, movies like “Four Christmases” and “Nothing Like the Holidays” try to capture the spirit of the season when the old stand-by of “A Christmas Story” can get a little repetitive.

However, it is difficult to measure up to the classics. This is one of the reasons Film Streams is introducing “For the Holidays,” four flicks, both traditional and non-traditional, that the theater’s director, Rachel Jacobson, said should be holiday staples.

The “For the Holidays” series began on Thanksgiving with Ernst Lubitsch’s “Shop Around the Corner.” The film is about two gift shop employees realizing they are mutual secret admirers.

Jacobson said she hopes that moviegoers will come to love the lesser-known film, which she calls “one of the best romantic comedies ever.” It will be shown in conjunction with the Holiday Lights Festival next year.

The next two films, “The Magic Flute” and “The Nightmare Before Christmas,” will be shown from Dec. 12 through Dec. 18.

“The Magic Flute” is a 1975 Swedish film directed by Ingmar Bergman. It’s built on an opera composed by Mozart. Roger Ebert once called the movie “the most delightful film ever made from an opera.”

Jacobson said the theater chose “The Magic Flute” because of its relative obscurity and its appeal to opera lovers here in Omaha.

“We wanted something artful that represents our mission,” Jacobson said.

“The Nightmare Before Christmas,” however, it is more widely known. The Oscar-

nominated film produced and co-written by Tim Burton is far darker than the other selections.

In 1993, it was made by stop motion animation, a relatively new animation technique where an object is photographed moving small amounts and then played in a continuous sequence so it would appear to be moving on its own.

Jacobson said the flick is a “cult classic” and she has already received e-mails from fans excited to see it on the big screen.

One such fan is UNO junior Drew Wilson, who plans on attending the film’s screening.

“I absolutely love ‘The Nightmare Before Christmas,’” Wilson said. “It leaves me singing and dancing and it will never grow old.”

The last movie in the series is “It’s a Wonderful Life,” a classic 1946 film directed by Frank Capra. It is about a businessman, George Bailey played by James Stewart, who gets a new outlook on life after his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers), shows him what life would have been like if he never existed.

The film was nominated for five Oscars, including best picture. It is also ranked 20th on the American Film Institute’s list of the top 100 greatest films.

Jacobson said selecting the film was a “no-brainer.”

“It has become the quintessential Christmas movie,” Jacobson said. “Lots of people had suggested

that we play it.”
“It’s a Wonderful Life” will be shown from Dec. 19 through Christmas day.

If the series is successful this season, it will become a tradition at Film Streams. Jacobson said the theater is already considering adding two new movies for next year – “Muppet Christmas Carol” and “Holiday,” with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn.

For movie show times or more information, visit filmstreams.org or call 933-0259. Tickets for are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors and \$4 for members.



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‘Women of Troy’ production falls short of potential greatness

REVIEW BY
MARK REAGAN
STAFF WRITER

Three sets of bleachers were set around a hill of dirt. Dust hung in the air and a strange howling sound emanated from under the voices of the audience. People slowly filtered in. Stage lights eerily illuminated dust floating in the dark air. This was the stage for UNO’s winter production of Euripides’ “Women of Troy,” which runs through Dec. 6.

The storyline was difficult to follow. Equally perplexing were the actors’ over-the-top emotions, which never seem to let up.

In the beginning, the play focused on a soliloquy by Poseidon, played by Matt King, dejected over the destruction on the city of Troy. Violins softly played as he recounted the story and history of Troy.

Poseidon awakened the Trojan women. They danced as an attempt to be artful, with grieving

and mournful expressions on their faces. The actors crawled around and move slowly like they’re underwater. Unfortunately, the random dancing was a theme that seemed to run through the entire play. More than anything else, the dancing was sexy. That’s where the confusion started.

The production seemed to illustrate how women have to deal

with the repercussions of wars waged by men. Director and UNO graduate assistant Maire Creegan wrote in her notes “that power has been seized by men driven by the need to own the world and keep their places in it.”

A lot of the confusion was rooted in how forcefully actors’ lines were delivered. The tone didn’t fit the message. Lines

were all delivered as powerfully as Charlton Heston scenes. Even Heston delivered his lines in softer tones as time and situation proved appropriate.

In addition, it was genuinely hard to follow what’s going on in the play. It jumped all over the place. Characters were introduced and then disappeared at an alarming rate.

Nevertheless, the top-notch acting was one of the play’s redeeming factors.

Hecuba was expertly played by UNO graduate student Maria VachaPittack. Fans of UNO theater may remember VachaPittack for playing the title role in “The Madwoman of Chaillot.” In addition, Amy Castro did a convincing job playing self-righteous and defensive Helen.

However, the most impressive part of the play was the creative set. There was a just a hill of dirt between the bleachers. Underneath the hill were statues that may have represented dead soldiers after all the fighting had ceased. The simplicity of the stage was very effective. After all, Troy had been razed and burned by the Greeks. The set designer, Robbie Jones, and stage manager, Kaitlin Kitzmiller, did a marvelous job.

Sometimes less is more. With less emotion and more history, I think this could be a very successful production.



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businesses, Landow said.

"We don't think that's good. We would prefer to be in the position to help small businesses out," Landow said. "It's good for employment, good for small business community and good for the City of Omaha."

Nothing is set in stone yet for the City of Omaha or the rest of Nebraska, though. A pending lawsuit filed in Lancaster County could overturn the election results if the district court judge finds that fraud was committed during the petition drive that placed Initiative 424 on the ballot.

UNL senior Jeff Hall and recent graduate Eva Sohl filed the lawsuit to challenge the validity of the more than 40,000 petition signatures gathered, saying that misleading signature collectors and fraudulent practices should invalidate the initiative's passage.

"We've heard from a number of businesses; quite a number of contractors are concerned, and I don't blame them. This could impact their ability to get jobs," Landow said. "We're waiting for the verdict, not putting any final decisions or rewriting rules or regulations until we hear from the court."

Nebraska wasn't the only state to vote on a similar measure, proposed and put on the ballot by the American Civil Rights Institute and California businessman Ward Connerly.

California citizens already had approved a similar measure, Proposition 209, in 1996. Colorado also voted on a similar initiative this year and was the first to reject such a ban on state affirmative action programs. Voters narrowly defeated the measure 51 percent to 49 percent.

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Jones said many students have expressed interest in the course, but students' packed schedules have made it difficult register. The class meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I think the biggest challenge will be that I have had a lot of requests and interests from people, but they're like 'I just can't do it in the middle of the day,'" Jones said. "My challenge I think is going to be getting the information out there."

However, students who were not able to enroll may not be left out. Jones said she expects this course to be a launching pad for similar courses in the future.

"I would be stunned if we were not offering this class as a special topics class or even maybe we develop a class on Obama, given his historical significance," Jones said.

Jones said the class would bring insight on one of the world's most historical events - something that should not be missed.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun. I think it will be very interesting," Jones said. "We are living in a time of history making, not to say in the past we have [not] had presidents the world has been aware of or excited about. I am just blown away by some of the global and the outside-the-United States responses to his election."

*The final issue of The Gateway for
the fall semester will be on Dec. 12.*

FROM POTTER: PAGE 3

30 students had either seen a movie or read one of the books, and three students had read all of the series. In contrast, the last couple of times I've taught the class, on the first day, 27 out of 30 students had read the entire series at least once," Nel said. "I am now teaching the Harry Potter generation."

Kern has been teaching "Thinking about Harry Potter" for a year and has written a book titled "The Wisdom of Harry Potter," which focuses on the books' moral system. He said he started the course so students could "study a cultural phenomenon that they had, in many ways, participated in."

Kern said he finds the student interest to be refreshing.

"I don't have to worry whether or not students have read the assigned reading," Kern said. "I simply assume they know the Potter books well."

Cook's class does not require having read the series before the first class, though she recommends getting a head start. She said she believes that the series has staying power and that generations to come will be reading it.

"One hundred years from now, people will still be reading Harry Potter and enjoying it for its literary merits," Cook said. "It has some of the most engaging characters in literature today, and its treatment of themes such as friendship, love, death and immortality are timeless."

Cook also said she hopes to take the series to another level for students and combat criticism that the books are simply children's literature.

"It is the student dynamic that really makes a course enjoyable and fun," Cook said. "With Harry Potter as our subject, I don't see how the course can be anything but fabulous."

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